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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 9th-October, through Sunday, 16th-October there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5Z, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T31, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP6, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3W2, VIETNAM (Reminder/Update). Mike, N0ODK, will once again be active as 3W2DK from Ho Chi Minh City between October 15th and November 5th. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters using SSB, with some CW and the Digital modes. He may use an amp this time. Also, look for him to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL via N0ODK, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. He states on QRZ.com, "If you have different contacts with me as 3W6DK, 3W2DK, XV4MN, or N0ODK, please QSL in one package to save you time and money and I can QSL all in one time. I collect QSL cards so if we QSL, please QSL even if you do not need my QSL card. I will QSL if in logbook."

4S, SRI LANKA. Kamal, 4S7AB, from Ellakkala, has been active on 30 meters and other bands recently. He was heard by a Michigan station on October 8th, on 10117 kHz at 1200z and again on the 9th on 10116 kHz at 1130z. Both times he was 599. QSL via 4S7AB direct or via PayPal (see QRZ.com). No Bureau, eQSL or LoTW.

5B, CYPRUS. Gordon, MM0GOR, is expected to be active again as 5B/MM0GOR from Cyprus (AS-004) until October 19th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via M0OXO or OQRS.

5B, CYPRUS. Zoli, HA5PP, will once again be active as 5B/HA5PP during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via HA5PP.

7P, LESOTHO (Reminer). By the time you read this Pista, HA5AO, will be or should be active as 7P8AO from Lesotho until October 29th. The primary purpose of the trip is to deliver humanitarian aid and support to an orphanage. At his own expense, Pista is supplying clothing, shoes and school supplies to the children. This will be his third visit to Lesotho to work with the children. When not at the orphanage, Pista will be operating mainly CW, on 80-6 meters. Log search and OQRS will be available on . Please QSL to HA5AO.

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. He will be on Barbados between October 25th and November 1st, so look for him to do casual operating and testing before and after the contest on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

9N, NEPAL. Yutaka, JA6GWX, will be active as 9N7NZ from Kathmandu between November 20-23rd. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

9Y4, TRINDADE AND TOBAGO. Chris, 9Y4D (ex-9Y4NZ), will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via 9Y4D (see QRZ.com), LoTW or eQSL.

BV, TAIWAN. Biki, JP3PZG, will be active as BV/JP3PZG during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via JP3PZG.

CN, MOROCCO. Look for CN2R to be on the air during the next two CQWW DX Contests during October and November. The line-up of operators are as follows:

CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th): Jiri/OK1RI, Zdenek/OK1DSZ, Karel/OK1JKT, Norbert/OM6NM, Vaclav/OK1VVT, Jiri/OK1DO, Petr/OK1FFU and Jim/W7EJ. Multi-2 entry. QSL via W7EJ. Operators plan to be on before the contest starts (October 19th).

CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th): Jiri/OK1RI, Vit/OK5MM, Karel/OK1JKT, Norbert/OM6NM, Jiri/OK1DO, Vladimir/OK1NY, Martin/OK1HGM, Petr/OK1FFU and Jim/W7EJ. Multi-2 entry. QSL via W7EJ.

COWS OVER THE WORLD (Update). "The Daily DX" reports that Tom, KC0W, and his all-CW "Cows Over the World" DXpeditions which was recently halted after the theft of all of his equipment, is getting ready to be active again with his "next 2 DXpeditions. Possibly "this November/December. He did not say where but did mention they would be from two different continents. One of the locations 'is needed by EU/JA' while the second country will be with a 'very unusual prefix' which Tom expects to 'generate some good pileups'. QRX for more details."

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND. Ignacy, NO9E, will be active as CE0Y/NO9E from Easter Island between October 28th and November 3rd. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using a KX3 and Expert 1.3K-FA amp into a Multi-Band End Fed Half Wave (EFHW 4010/8010) and vertical antennas. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th). QSL via his home callsign.

ED8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Salvador/EA7FQB, Al/EA7JR, Cristobal/EA7RU, Pedro/EA7DN, Jose/EA7BJ, Manolo/EA7LL, Jorge/EA7HZ, JORGE/EA8TL and Manuel/EA8DO will be active as ED8W from La Palma Island (AF-004) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) Multi-? entry. QSL via EA8DO.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Operators Edwin/HI3K, Alfredo/HI8K, Tino/HI3CC, Franky/HI3TT, Miguel/HI3MPC, Marcos/HI3MRV, Rodolfo/HI3RWP, Efraim/HI8EES, Elio/HI8EFS, Ismael/XE1AY, Cruz/YV4CEG and Inés/YV4IVB will be active as HI3K from Loma del Toro during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-2/High-Power entry. QSL via KB2MS.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Operators Tino/HI3CC, Franky/HI3TT, Miguel/HI3MPC and Edwin/HI8K will be active as HI3CC from Loma Del Toro Toro during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via W2CCW.

HK0, SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA. Will, AA4NC, will be active as HK0/AA4NC from San Andres Island between February 13th and March 7th, 2017. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes, probably on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He also plans to be active in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) and ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entries and signing with a 5K0 callsign

(pending). QSL via AA4NC.

HK0, SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA. Tim, LW9EOC, will be active as 5J0NA between February 13-27th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, with a focus on the low bands and 30/17/12m. He will also be in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 18-19th). QSL via LW9EOC.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-047. Carlos, CT1GXC, will be active as CQ9GXC from Selvagens Islands between October 19-25th. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

OC-209. Arfan, YB8UTI, is now active as YB8UTI/P from Miangas Island until October 18th. He will use a homebrew 10 element multiband yagi, and operate mainly on CW. The log will be uploaded to ClubLog after his returning home.

J5, GUINEA BISSAU. Members of the Italian DXPedition Team will be active as J5T from Guinea Bissau in November 2016. Operators mentioned are Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT and Mac/JA3USA. The pilot stations are Art/IK7JWY (HF) and Sergio/IK0FTA (6m). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via I2YSB, direct or the OQRS on their Web page at:

http://www.i2ysb.com/idt

Logs will be posted on LoTW about 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. For News and Forum, see: http://www.hamradioweb.net

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Bill, W4WV, is now active as KG4WV from GITMO (NA-015) until October 24th. Activity will be on various HF bands using mostly SSB with some CW and Digital modes (PSK). QSL via W4WV, direct or by the Bureau. No LoTW.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Jeff, KQ4LA, is now active as KG4LA from GITMO (NA-015) until October 21st. Activity will be on various HF bands using mostly CW with some SSB and Digital modes (RTTY, PSK). QSL via KG4LA direct.

KP4, PUERTO RICO. Rafael, KP4RV, will be active from Luquillo during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via LoTW, WP4PGY direct only and by the Bureau via KP4RV.

LU/N, ARGENTINA. Operators Horacio/LU5BE (CW), Henry/LU8EFF and Arnaldo/LU3AAL will be active as homecalls/N from La Banda in the Province of Santiago del Estero (WW Locator: FG72vh), a Region in Argentina with little activity. Operation will be between October 20-24th. They will try to have 2 active stations. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31 and JT65. QSL via their home callsigns (see QRZ.com).

OH5, FINLAND. Operators Mark/K1RX, Scott/K9MA, Timo/OG9X, Jouko/OH1RX,

Ilkka/OH1WZ, Ilmo/OH2BO, Niko/OH5CZ, Kari/OH5LF, Kimmo/OH5KS, Kari/OH5TS, Peter/OH5NQ, Ari/OH6MW, Mika/OH6NVC, Juha/OH6XX and Panu/OH7CW will be active as OH5NQ during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via the Bureau or OH5CZ. PLEASE NOTE: Activity is to celebrate OH5NQ's 80th birthday and 65th anniversary receiving his first license. All QSOs will be confirmed with a QSL via the Bureau. direct QSLs via OH5CZ.

P4, ARUBA. John, KK9A, will once again be active as P40A from Aruba (SA-036) between October 25-31st. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Outside of the contest, activity will be on 160-10 meters, including 30/17/12m, using CW and SSB. QSL via WD9DZV.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Operators Joel/N5JR, Jim/NT5V and Jeff/K5JP will be active as PJ4/N5JR, PJ4/NT5V and PJ4/K5JP from Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between November 6-13th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (October 17-23rd).....

Oct/17th BN	Oct/20th AN	Oct/22nd HN
Oct/18th HN	Oct/21st HN	Oct/23rd HN
Oct/19th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Ivan, PV8IG, will be active as PY0F/PV8IG from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) between October 18-21st. Activity is to celebrate his 50th birthday and 36th on being licensed. Operations

will be on various HF bands. QSL via PT7WA direct.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF, (October 16th)

5A1AL via W5UE	HF10BOL via SQ9NIU	SN164FF via SP6CES
5B/DF2IR via DF2IR	II0REX via I0YQX	SO90LKK via SP8POP
7X59JOTA via 7X2VB	II3BZ via IN3AUD	SU83JOTA via IK2DUW
A60JOTA via IZ8CLM	J42J via SV2CLJ (d)	SU8JOTA via SM5AQD
AO2016DSS via EA2URD	K4G via K8EAB (d)	SV9/SM7RYR via SM7RYR (d/L)
CE2/K1ZZ via K1ZZ	KH7SD via DF1SD	T8CW via JA0FOX(B); JH0IXE(d/L)
EG5MCC via EA5RCK	N1A via KK1X (d)	TM77X via F6KOP (L/eQSL)*
EH3JAM via EA3URE	ON4JOTA via ON4GDV	UT4U via UT5UJO
EH3RV via EA3RCY	PA6JMC via PA2RDK	V55JOTA via V51Q (d)
EI/G4WSB/P via G4WSB	PH30EUDXF via PA1AW	YP0C via YO3CZW
EM20UCRF via UT3UZ	PI4SRN via PA3DHR	YP100JB via YO7KFX
EO90WU via UW1WU	R100MU via RU1ZC	YR95HMK via YO2MKI (B)
GB100WYS via G0BWB	S79PA via R2DG	
GB40PR via G4PRS	SE2X via SA2BFO	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (*) No Paper QSL Please

FT5XT via F4DXW direct only. Gildas, TU5KG, was expected to be active between October 13-14th. Logs will not be sent to the QSL Manager until sometime in December when Gildas returns home.

NI6IW via: USS Midway Museum Ship Radio Room, QRZ, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101 (SASE). Activity from the USS Midway aircraft carrier museum ship in San Diego, CA.

CHECK QSL ROUTES FOR VK9LX. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports that he has been receiving VK9LX QSL requests for recent Lord Howe activation. Please note that Nenad is the QSL Manager for Nick's activations 15+ years ago and not the recently re-issued ones:

VK9LX (Lord Howe) 1997, 1998, 1999 via VE3EXY
VK9LX/9 (Norfolk) 2001 via VE3EXY
VK9LX (Lord Howe) 2016 via W1SRD

He also mentions:

H40XX/H44XX 1998 via JA5DQH
H40XX/H44XX 2002 via VE3EXY

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3XY1T, 4X4DK, 5B/G3RWF, 5B4AAB, 5J0P, 5R8SV, 5T2AI, 9H3LH/P, CP4BT, CX6VM, CY9C, DG7MF, E30FB, EA3AQ, EA4SE, EP2A, FK8DD, FM5FJ, FO5QB, FS/K9EL, FY5KE, G0AZH, G2NF, HA0DU, HB125FMS, HC2AO, HG225U, HG8R, HH2AA, HL2WA, IT9CLX, IW0QO, IZ5LDD, KP4/W2PK, LU2FE, LW5EE, LX1NO, ON3DI, ON6AB, PI4COM, PU1PJR, PY2GEM, SJ2W, SN7Q, SP9ATE, SV9CVY, TF/OG55W, TK4LS, TZ4AM, VK9LN, XR0YS, YT9A, YU1TY, Z370CEF and ZF2EZ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B9FR, 5W0COW, A35JP, EM5F (EU-191), KL7RRC/P (NA-158), MU0WLV, R70ASIA, RI1FJ, TY2AC, YB9KA and YS3/DL5YWM

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 7P8DJ, A25DJ, CK3C, CR2X, DF0WH, DF2WF, DJ1QQ, DJ7ZZ, DK1AQ, DL4MCF, DM3HZN, EG5SUB, EI9KC, ES95B, F4BDV, HB9EI, IK4CLF, IZ2DPX, IZ4BBF, JL3JRY, JS3CTQ, LZ1SG, OE6GND, OK1BN, OK1CF, OO6DP, OO7P, RW7M, TM2NOI and TM6JUN

SILENT KEY. It was reported that his Majesty the King of Thailand, Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), HS1A, became a Silent Key on October 13th, at the age of 88. The King had a ham station, handi-talkies on 2 meters, and spoke with Thai hams. He gave his Royal Patronage to the Radio Society of Thailand (RAST). The nation and its over 200,000 licensed hams mourn his loss. More details can be read on the ARRL Web page at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/king-of-thailand-bhumibol-adulyadej-hs1a-sk

T2, TUVALU. A new operator is on the air from Funafuti, Tuvalu. Look for Apinelu, T2AT, who licensed in early October thanks to the help of the recent T2R DXpedition and their outreach efforts.
QSNs show activity on 20 meters SSB. QRZ.com states, "Direct QSL via N7SMI only. SASE or minimum $2 required (donations are gladly accepted). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW frequently."

T31T CENTRAL KIRIBATI DXPEDITION (Update). By the time you read this, operators Dom/3Z9DX, Leszek/SP3DOI and Przemy/SP7VC were expected to leave Kanton Island (OC-043) on their Sunday morning, October 16th. The team has reportedly made close to 31,000 QSOs. Look for the logs to be uploaded to ClubLog and the OQRS activated once the team gets back to Samoa (5W) in approximately 7-10 days. QSL via 3Z9DX direct (see QRZ.com) or ClubLog's OQRS (preferred). For more details or updates, see QRZ.com under T31T or .

T42, CUBA. A group of Cuban operators, members of Havana Contest Group, will participate in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th), signing as T42A and as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are: Amed/CO2AME, Jorge/CO2II, CO2KL, Juan/CO2JD, Moises/CM2YV and CM2LQV. QSL via RW6HS.

T8, PALAU. Kouko, JQ6FQI, will be active as T88WM from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) between January 12-19th, 2017. Bands and modes of operation were not provided. QSL via JQ6FQI, direct or by the Bureau. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see: http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014

TF, ICELAND. Siggi, TF3CW, will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LX1NO direct only. No QSL via Bureau.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Operators Christian/F4WBN (Team Leader), Rene/F5DUX, Bernard/F9IE and Jean-Louis/TR8JLD will be active as TL0A near Bangui, Central African Republic, between October 19-28th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, including 60m, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F4WBN direct only.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Members of the Italian DXPedition Team will be active as TL8T from Cental African Republic in February 2017. Operators mentioned are Alfeo/I1HJT, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT and Mac/JA3USA. The pilot stations are Art/IK7JWY (HF) and Sergio/IK0FTA (6m). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via I2YSB, direct or the OQRS on their Web page at . A TL8T needs/wants survey is available on the Web page also. Logs will be posted on LoTW about 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. For News and Forum, see:
http://www.hamradioweb.net

V3, BELIZE (Possible Confusion). Drew, W1ETT, was active earlier this past week as V31TT. Also, look for Randy, K5TTE, later in the week as V31TT from Belize. Listen for the QSL info from the operators.

V3, BELIZE. Marc, V31MA, will once again be active with the special callsign V3A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via M0OXO. QSOs are regularly uploaded to LoTW, eQSL and ClubLog.org.

V4, ST. KITTS. John, W5JON/V47JA, informs OPDX that he will once again be active as V47JA from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87SG), located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between November 15th and December 15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB. Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas include: 31', 10-40m Vertical, and 35', 40/80m Top Loaded Vertical; and newly added, shortened 160m dipole and 3 element Yagi for 6m. Also, XYL Cathy, W5HAM, will occasionally operate as V47HAM. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

VE2, CANADA (Zone 2). Operators Andrew/KD3RF, Irwin/KD3TB, William/K3FMQ, Ken/KE3C and Sebastien/VE2GTZ will be active as VE2DXY during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via KD3RF or LoTW. Visit their Web site at: http://www.wix.com/andyvavra/VE2DXY

XT, BURKINA FASO. Ibrahim Guiero, XT2AGI, is a newly licensee in Ouagadougou and will be active on the air soon. Ibrahim has been tutored by Harald, XT2AW. Harald has sponsored a hexbeam and a Kenwood TS430 to Ibrahim for him to progress further in the hobby. Please be patient with him, but by all means give him a call! QSL via M0OXO direct or via the OQRS.

ZD7, ST. HELENA ISLAND (ZD7VDE Postponed Again!). Bill, G0VDE, reports that the opening of St. Helena airport still has "continuing serious problems" and "it is still not possible to land sensible sized aircraft like 737 there". He states, "The planned flights (in May/June and October by Atlantic Star) have been cancelled. The Comair flights from South Africa have likewise not started. All in all, it is a total mess and the UK government is being accused of building a £250 Million white elephant of an unusable airfield, all due to the strong winds and wind shear! I have had to cancel, re-book and cancel my accommodation - if you read the ZD7 'newsletters' (the St. Helena Sentinel and the St Helena Independent) you will see it has been a

very sorry story - hotels were encouraged to prepare extra rooms for the coming 'tourist boom' and one has even reportedly gone out of business, because they spent a lot to prepare and have now got no means of recovering their losses!"

Bill states, "So I am afraid I am not going this October either (having had to cancel my May/June trip). I am keeping somewhat up-to-date about the events on my website - but there is no planned date for the full airport opening so I don't have any certain future date. You may know the boat (the RMS St. Helena) was due to retire at the end of July, but it has been kept in operation for about another year as it is obviously the only way of accessing the island. I am looking at the possibility of travel-ing by the boat, but the problem there is two fold - the cost is at least double the planned cost of flying, and I would have to travel for two weeks and only be able to stay for one week... It is just possible I will take this option, but I am still waiting as I could theoretically fly at quite short notice, should proper flights begin. We therefore have sorry situation and a continuing delay - I will try to keep everyone posted. Maybe the only silver lining is that ZD7 will get rarer and any future visit would be popular!"

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